



REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the final Office action dated February 27, 2004. Claims 2-7 are pending in the application. In the Office action, these claims are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 8, 9, and 11-14 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,373.

In response, applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection. Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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